

My! Automatic Divorce? New French Legislation Shocks American Women

Not a Penny-in-Slot Scheme, But Three Years of Persistence Rids One of Wife or Vice Versa.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The society women of New York and other parts of the United States are greatly interested in a bill just passed by the French Chamber of Deputies providing for "automatic divorces." Most of them are horrified at the thought, but before any expressions of opinion are given consideration, it would be well to explain what an "automatic divorce" is. It is not a mechanical device. There is no dropping of 1 or 5 cents in a machine like is done to hear music, hear phonograph, or to weigh, or obtain sewing gun, or bon bon. But the degree is not unlimited, for like other automatic things, the divorce is granted with the smallest assistance possible by the principals. A divorce will be granted if either party persists in a suit for three years.

Bill Roundly Denounced.
M. Lasles, anti-Semite, when the bill was being considered, dramatically declared that its passage would mean the disintegration of society. Frederick R. Coudert, one of the best versed men in French law in this country, says he is opposed to the bill. "The question has been a vexed one for several years," Mr. Coudert said. "Ever since its proposal it has been prominent in the newspaper discussions and among the conservatives it has been denounced. The general feeling is that the measure is far too radical; everywhere it is recognized as menacing the solidity of society."

"The measure is not yet law. While it has been adopted by the Chamber of Deputies it has yet to meet the sanction of the Senate, and there seems to be a general feeling that that body will sign its death order."

"When a man wishes a divorce from his wife, he appears before a judge and explains the cause of incompatibility of temper they cannot agree."

Automatically Separated.
"The judge attempts to bring about a reconciliation, and if he fails orders husband and wife to appear before him

at the end of three months. Then again he attempts to reconcile, and if he fails, he sees the two every three months and tries each time to bring them together. If either party persists in the suit for three years a decree of divorce is granted."

"Personally, I think it is a very unwise measure. It is far too radical. I don't think it will ever become a law. The conservative is against it, and the press in general is assailing it."

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO SATISFY A DECREE

Stanley Matthews, Malcolm Hurty, and John J. Hamilton, trustees, have transferred lots 50 and 51, square 252, situated between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, on G street, northwest, to Ralph Tower, to satisfy a decree in the equity courts against Margaret Butler et al. The amount named in the deed of the property was \$50,000.

A deed, with \$10 as the consideration, transferring the property to Alfred G. Gross, Herman A. Pluge, and Frank Lutz, was then filed by Tower.

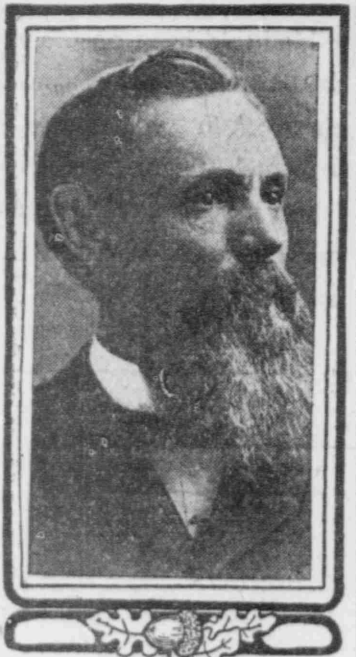
DETECTIVE TO TESTIFY IN CALIFORNIA MURDER

Central Office Detective Tom Hartigan will leave for Los Angeles, Cal., on February 2, where he has been subpoenaed as a witness in the trial of Anton Besold, who is charged with the murder of his wife.

Besold was arrested in this city last summer by Hartigan, Baur, and Muller.

Horning's Loan Office Still Open.
Not damaged by fire. 9th and D sts.

Brothers Are Pallbearers For Johnson



J. HARRISON JOHNSON,
Who Will Rest in Grave at Rock Creek Cemetery.

Funeral of Financier to Be Held Tomorrow Morning.

J. Harrison Johnson, one of Washington's most successful business men, who died Friday night at his residence, 709 C street southwest, will be buried from St. Dominic's Roman Catholic church, Sixth and E streets southwest, Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Father J. A. Hinch, O. P., rector, will officiate, assisted by the assistant rectors and curates.

The pallbearers will be four brothers

RING OF MISTRESS FOUND ON SERVANT

Mrs. Alice Noble's Diamond Recovered by Police From Hired Girl.

Charged with the larceny of a diamond ring valued at \$200, Sadie Shaw, colored, twenty-one years old, of 112 Twenty-sixth street, was arrested yesterday by Central Office Detectives O'Brien and Farham.

The woman was employed as a servant by Mrs. Alice Noble, of 222 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Friday she left the house without saying where she was going, and later Mrs. Noble missed the ring, which the detectives found on the colored woman's person.

"I had just borrowed it for a couple of days, and was going to return it tomorrow," she explained.

She will be given a hearing in the Police Court tomorrow on a charge of grand larceny.

NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER ROADWAY BILL

In transmitting to Chairman Gallinger, of the District Committee of the Senate, Senate bill 7326, authorizing the Commissioners to close abandoned roadways, outside of the city and to transfer title in such roadways to the owners of abutting property, the Commissioners say that while they believe the proposed legislation necessary, the bill, as drafted, is faulty in several respects, and to cure these defects they have deemed it important to offer a substitute bill, which has been returned with the original bill.

Of Mr. Johnson, Cornelius W. Johnson, Eldridge S. Johnson, A. Geary Johnson, and Milton W. Johnson, and two kinsmen, R. A. Johnson, and Samuel C. Wimsatt.

The interment will be in the family plot in Rock Creek Cemetery and will be private.

C. & S. Ice Cream—The Velvet Kind
is the purest Ice Cream made. Druggists.

KINGSTON BENEFIT BY ALOYSIUS CLUB

Washington Organization Preparing to Aid the Quake Sufferers.

The Aloysius Club is preparing to give a benefit for the sufferers of the Kingston earthquake. The organization is composed of young men who are always to the fore in such matters, and devote their time and talents, without recompense, to aid in beneficiary affairs.

Last April they gave a benefit to aid the sufferers from the San Francisco earthquake, which netted quite a handsome sum, and added materially to the amount contributed by this city toward the relief of the afflicted people. Last Monday and Tuesday nights the organization gave a minstrel entertainment for the benefit of the Gonzaga and Notre Dame schools, at which the "S. R. O." sign was hung out on both occasions long before the doors opened. At the forthcoming benefit, which is announced elsewhere in The Times, an exceptional program is promised.

CIVIL SERVICE TO EXAMINE FOR FOOD INSPECTOR

The Civil Service Commission announces an examination on February 2 to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill the position of food and drug inspector, at \$2,000 per annum, in the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, and vacancies as they may occur at the same or lower salaries in any branch of the service requiring similar qualifications.

Men only will be admitted to this examination.

RELIEF CORPS PREPARES LINCOLN CELEBRATION

Paragut Relief Corps, No. 5, Auxiliary to the G. A. R., will celebrate President Lincoln's birthday anniversary at G. A. R. Hall, 316 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, Tuesday, January 28. The program will consist of music, recitations, and readings. After the entertainment the corps will give a penny social.

All comrades, sons, and daughters are specially invited.

Business College Building and Equipment
adjoining the Academy of Music was not damaged. Day and night sessions will continue as before the fire.

DISCUSS DISTRICT MONEY THURSDAY

Commissioners Will Insist on Omissions Being Replaced in Bill.

Commissioner Macfarland was notified yesterday that the Senate Committee on Appropriations would begin its conferences with the Commissioners upon the District of Columbia appropriation bill next Thursday.

The Commissioners will ask the Senate committee to put in the District appropriation bill those items of their estimates which the House omitted, aggregating in all a million and three-quarters dollars.

The items omitted by the House include the high-pressure fire protection service, a number of suburban sewers, fire department buildings, school sites and buildings, playgrounds, bacteriological laboratory for the Health Department, hospital for chronic cases, and other improvements.

The Commissioners will contend that the District revenues are ample to provide for all the current expenditures which they had recommended, and also for a reasonable payment on account of the money advanced by the United States Treasury to the District on its share of the cost of extraordinary municipal improvements, and will once more ask that the relations between the Treasury and the District with respect to these advances be put upon a business basis.

They will maintain that the estimates for current expenditures ought not to be cut in the attempt to make the District do what is not done anywhere else, pay for permanent extraordinary improvements out of current revenues.

FINDS NO NUISANCE AT EXPRESS GARAGE

Snowden Ashford, building inspector, reports upon investigation that the numerous complaints filed with the Commissioners against the garage of the United States Express Company, between Third and Fourth, and G and H streets northeast, for maintaining a nuisance, in that the engine in their building makes a noise disturbing the neighborhood, are not well founded. He says that the law is being strictly observed by the express company.

Superior Floral Work.
The ideas of the artists employed by Gude are original and the results of their work most satisfactory. 124 F.

EXTINGUISH FIRE ON WATER FRONT

Last of Blazes in Lumber Piles Put Out by Firemen.

The fire that swept over the section along the water front Friday night and yesterday morning was completely extinguished before 8 o'clock last evening, and the last engine was withdrawn long before midnight.

A large force of firemen was engaged all yesterday afternoon in overturning the piles of lumber in order to extinguish the blind fire.

Down in the hearts of the great stacks of hardwood lumber continued to burn which occasionally burst forth into flame. Everything in their immediate neighborhood was thoroughly drenched, but Assistant Chief Wagner feared that in the event of high winds the sparks might start another conflagration.

As a precautionary measure he determined to quench every ember within the area swept by the fire.

MINETREE'S FUNERAL TOMORROW MORNING

The funeral services of Col. Joseph P. Minetree, who died last Friday afternoon, will be held tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock at St. Thomas Church, Eighteenth street near Dupont Circle. The interment will be in the Rock Creek Cemetery.

BUST OF QUEEN HELENA PRESENTED TO FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 26.—A beautiful bust of Queen Helena of Italy, by Lorenzi, for whom the young Queen set, has been presented to the ministry of foreign affairs as a souvenir of the visit of the Queen to Paris some time ago.

The bust, which bears a striking resemblance to the Queen and which almost seems as if endowed with life and breathing, has been placed in the library of the foreign affairs office by M. Bertrand.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25, Baltimore & Ohio R. R., every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. City Office, 147 G st. and 619 Penna. ave.

50c JAPANESE SILK FANCIES AT 33c A YARD

LAST SHIPMENT, EMBRACING ABOUT TWENTY DIFFERENT SHADES, WILL BE PUT ON SALE TOMORROW

Spring waists, \$1.00

Three special-price lots

FINE PERSIAN LAWN Waists, white, made up in the popular yoke effect, trimmed with fine Val. inserting and pin tucking. Three quarter length sleeves. Regularly worth \$1.50 each. Special, \$1.00

NEW LINENE WAISTS, embroidered front in panel style, with rows of open work heading, long sleeves. Fasten in front or back. In all sizes. Regularly \$2.00 each. Special for Monday, \$1.00

NEW FRENCH RATTEN Waists, in black, splendid material broad pleated style, with white lawn hemstitched turnover collar and cuffs. All sizes. Regularly \$1.50. Special, \$1.00

Waist Dept.—Second Floor.

ONLY DEPARTMENT STORE ON PENNSYLVANIA AVE.
THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL

S. KANN & SONS & CO.

8th St. & Pa. Ave.
THE BUSY CORNER

SILK SALE

Prices below mill cost on these and other lots to clear out all possible stock before inventory, 4 days away:

COLORED Taffetas, 36 in. wide and in helio, blue, black, brown, and myrtle. Regularly \$1.00 yd, at	NATURAL Pon-gees, 36 in. wide, and an unheard of bargain, at a yd,	JAPANESE Silks, 27 in. wide, all pure silk; street shades only. Equal to any 50c silks. Tomorrow only
59c	44c	25c

Only 4 days to buy suits and coats at clearance prices

Be quick! Each day the lots grow smaller. Each day more women buy. We hardly expect to have a suit or coat left by Thursday night. We won't if low prices for stylish garments appeals as it should to women!

Women's Coats of tourist mixtures in medium colorings; or handsome black kersey in full length and loose or well-fitted effects. All this season's styles. Not one worth less than \$12.75—and the majority \$15. CHOICE OF ANY IN THIS LOT	Coats of kersey and broad- cloth in 30-in. lengths; also of imported Scotch mixtures. All lined in guaranteed satin. Were \$19.75 and \$25. CHOICE OF ANY IN THIS LOT	Fine Coats, cut 50 and 52- in. long in the popular loose and half-fitted models; lined in fine quality guaranteed satin and very effectively trimmed. Were \$25.50 and \$30.00. CHOICE OF ANY IN THIS LOT	Women's Suits of all-wool materials such as chevrons and fancy worsteds; hardly any two alike. Were \$19.75 and \$25. CHOICE OF ANY IN THIS LOT	Suits of broadcloth, chev- rons and worsteds in the best styles of the season and the most desirable colors. All sizes in the lot and worth \$20 and \$25. CHOICE OF ANY TOMORROW AT	Velvet and Broadcloth Suits—mostly one of a style, and all the new styles are shown. Were \$35 to \$75. CHOICE OF ANY IN THIS LOT TOMORROW
\$6.75	\$9.75	\$18.75	\$12.75	\$15.00	\$24.75

2nd floor—S. Kann, Sons & Co.

We can sell 25c Jap linen top collars 11c

The only reason such a low price is possible is because this Japanese importing house has discontinued making some of the most intricate and delicate designs to sell at 25c as there was no money in it for them. WE GOT THE ENTIRE LOT OF 540 AT LESS THAN HALF USUAL PRICE.

They are ALL LINEN, and the Japanese drawn work in various designs, the most popular probably being the block design; all are hemstitched and some in fagotted effects.

Every Top Collar is finished at both ends which proves its high-grade.

1st floor—bargain tables.

White goods---specials

The "Girl in White" has been prophesied as the favorite for 1907, in spite of the notes of warning that white goods of the right sort are scarce and rising in price. It's a streak of luck for you—and ourselves as well that we are able, in the face of these facts, to offer such qualities at such prices.

ENGLISH Royal Long Cloth, just 100 pieces more, fine quality, 12 yards in piece, a special \$1.05	MERCERIZED Figured Mad- ras, an imported fabric; 15 different patterns to select from; regularly \$2.50 a yard. Special tomorrow a yard	LINEN FINISH Percal, a su- perior quality; 36 inches wide; 25c a yard. Special for Monday a yard	FINE SWISSES, in corded and plaid effects, only a limited quantity; 30 pieces only in lot. These are exceptional values at 25c a yd. A decided bargain at special price, a yard of.....
10c	15c	15c	16c

PERSIAN LAWN, extra fine
and sheer, 40 inches wide; a regular 18c value; for special price per yard.....

VICTORIA LAWN, 40 inches
wide; a splendid grade. Regularly 15c a yard. Monday White Goods Dept.—First Floor.

Dress goods

ALL-WOOL CHECKS, 42 inches wide, very popular this spring, in blue and white and black and white combinations. One lot of ten pieces, regularly \$1.00 a yard. The lot to go out at special price, per yard.....

BLACK DRESS GOODS	CREAM DRESS GOODS
36-inch MOHAIR, worth 30c a yard, for.....	45-inch Serge, 75c a yard.....
60-inch SICILIAN, worth 60c a yard, for.....	36-inch Serge, 98c a yard.....
45-inch VOILE, worth \$1.25 a yard, for.....	36-inch Skil-lan Mohair, a 59c a yard.....
39c	75c
60c	98c
\$1.25	59c

Dress Goods Dept.—First Floor.

Housefurnishing specials FIVE BIG BARGAINS

AT THESE PRICES MONDAY ONLY

35c TABLE KNIVES, extra high-grade steel blades, with silver plated hollow handles. Plain or satin finish. Each.....	19 cts.
ONE LOT High-grade steel table knives and forks, cocoa handles, self regularly for 15c and 10c each respectively. Knives, each, 7c. Forks, each, 5c. The two.....	12 cts.
80c DISH PANS, extra heavy triple-coated galvanized iron, with strongly riveted handles. 14 or 15 quart sizes. Special.....	29 cts.
50c GRANITE Iron Chamber Pails, with bail handle and cover. 10 quart size. Sale price each.....	39 cts.
\$1.39 CRYSTAL GLASS Orange or fruit bowls, with detachable stand, 10 in. size. Handsome cut glass pattern. Sale price, each.....	59 cts.

Housefurnishing Dept.—Third Floor.

NOTIONS from 2c each to 25c a half dozen

A good-sized list of much-needed little articles at trifling cost. Give a Carte Blanche order for the whole list and you will have spent less than \$2.00.

King's 200- yard spool cotton, 5 dozen, for.....	Darning Saf- ety Pins, spe-cial, 4 dozen, for.....	Defender Saf- ety Pins, spe-cial, 4 dozen, for.....	24-yard Roll White Cotton Tape, regularly 8c a roll. Special, a.....	Light Weight Dress Shields, not all sizes; regularly 10c to 15c a pair. Special a.....	Odds and ends of Hooks and Eyes; regularly 3c a card; special cards for.....
11c	5c	5c	6c	5c	5c
Perfect Bast- ing Cotton, 500-yard spool; regu-larly 5c; spe-cial, 2c. 5c	Bias Seam Tape, in white; sizes 2, 3, 4. Regularly 10c and 20c a piece. Special, a piece.....	English Pins, 400 count; spe-cial, 2c	Women's Hose Supporters, pla-on; regularly 25c a pair; spe-cial, a pair.....	Pin Cush- ions, 2 in. x 3 in., large black pins; regularly 5c a cube. Spe-cial, per cube.....	Kid Carriers, regularly 5c a dozen; spe-cial, 2 dozen.....
5c	8c	5c	10c	5c	5c
Salter's 100- yard spool silk, regularly 3c a spool. Special.....	Elastic Rem- nants, all col-ors; regularly 25c a yard; spe-cial, 1/2 yard strips, each.....	Parling Cotton on spools, black, white, or brown; spe-cial, 5c	Women's Hose Supporters, pla-on; regularly 25c a pair; spe-cial, a pair.....	Pin Cush- ions, 2 in. x 3 in., large black pins; regularly 5c a cube. Spe-cial, per cube.....	Smith's En-glish Needles, regularly 5c a paper; special, 2c paper.....
5c	10c	5c	10c	5c	2c
Clinton Safety Pins, regularly 3c, 6c, and 7c a dozen. Special, 3 dozen.....	Silkateen, all colors; regularly 25c a spool; spe-cial, 3 spools for.....	Barl Brand Cotton Batting, regularly 15c a roll; spe-cial, a roll.....	Women's Hose Supporters, pla-on; regularly 25c a pair; spe-cial, a pair.....	Pin Cush- ions, 2 in. x 3 in., large black pins; regularly 5c a cube. Spe-cial, per cube.....	Shir-Laces, regularly 5c a pair; special, 2c pairs for.....
10c	10c	10c	10c	5c	5c

By way of announcement 3 new sheet music specials

Just off the press

Because they are so unusually attractive and taxing we announce them at once instead of waiting for our usual Saturday sale. Have the first taste of this Musical Treat by coming for these tomorrow:

15c a copy	DARK EYES—A new Mexican dance, by Neil Moret (the famous composer of Hiawatha and Moonlight).
	PADDY WHACK—A characteristic march and two-step (by author of Happy Heine).
	CUTTIN' UP—March and two-step.

Sheet Music Dept.—Third Floor.